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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at line 15 of page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

- - Once HMDC process **404** determines that a message is to be routed to an external signaling node, HMDC process **404** forwards the message to MTP routing process **408**. MTP routing process **408** examines signaling information in the message and determines the internal IMT bus address of the communications module that manages the outbound signaling link to which the message is addressed. According to the present embodiment, MTP process **408** also communicates with ticket voucher flow control process ~~[[402]]~~ **102** to regulate message flow in the event of a link failure. - -